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Filed: September 23, 2005  
  
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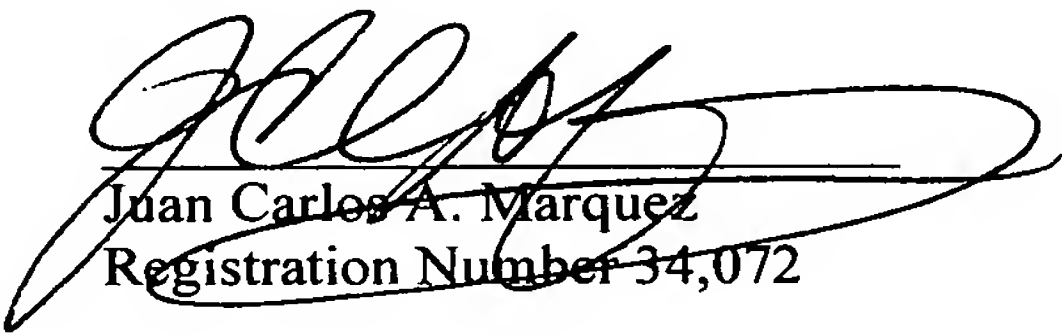
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**Title:**

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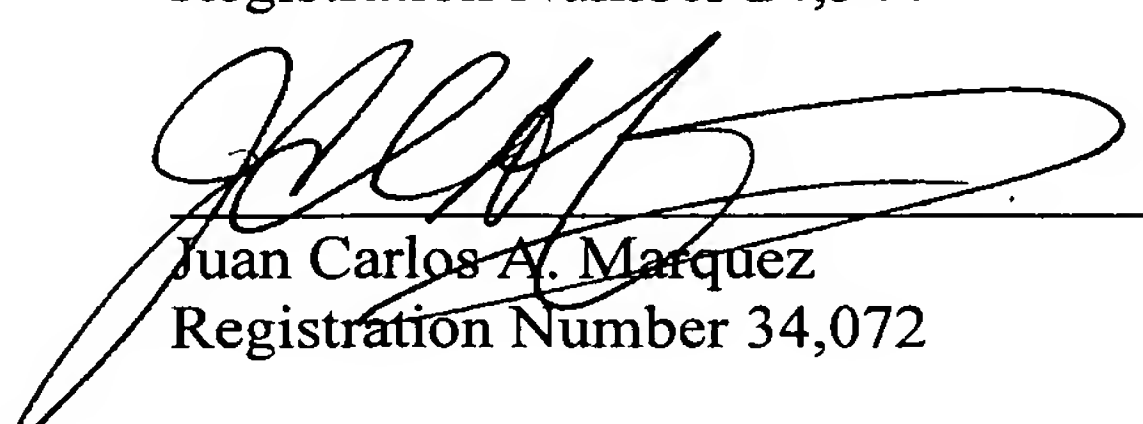
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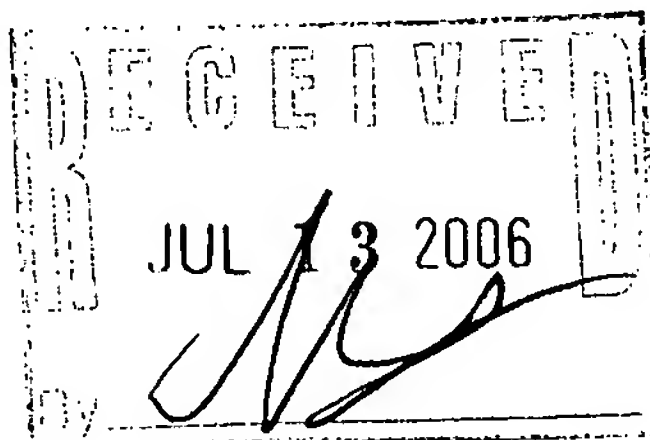
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**Title**

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 Absorbance ~~reader~~, absorbance ~~reader~~ control method, and absorbance calculation program  
*reading apparatus*

**Preliminary Class**

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